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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/45/850)]

45/210. Environment and international trade

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Affirming decision 384 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990 of the Trade and Development Board, entitled "UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development", 1/

Also affirming decision 1/25 of 31 August 1990 of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, entitled "Environment and development", 2/

Reaffirming the statement on sustainable development contained in annex II to decision 15/2 of 26 May 1989 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, 3/

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/45/15), chap. III, sect. B.2.

2/ See A/45/46, annex I.

3/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25), annex I.

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1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and relevant United Nations bodies, taking into account the relevant parts of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) and the work done by international organizations and in other relevant forums and in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/228, in which it was stated that environmental concerns and considerations are crucial to achieving sustainable development for all countries but should not serve as a pretext for creating unjustified barriers to trade, to prepare a comprehensive analytical study, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its third session, on the present situation and future trends regarding the relationship between environmental issues and international trade and covering, inter alia, the following subjects:

(a) The consideration of trade and environment, in the light of the analysis requested of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in paragraph 5 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) concerning the issue of sustainable development, in particular the reduction of poverty and its interface with policies and mechanisms in environmentally sensitive sectors, such as agriculture, energy, industry and transport, as well as with relevant structural policies, such as those related to the enterprise sector;

(b) Adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to monitor environmental regulations for possible protectionism and to monitor non-tariff measures that have a bearing on the environment, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII);

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and relevant United Nations organs, organizations and programmes in preparing the report on transfer of technology requested in decision 1/8 of 30 August 1990, adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its first substantive session, 2/ for submission to the third session of the Preparatory Committee, including an examination of the obstacles on both the importing and exporting sides that impede the transfer of environmentally sound technologies.

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